

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26-32, 35-37 are presently pending in this case. Claims 1-17, 20, 21, 24, 26-32, and 35-37 are withdrawn. Claims 38-52 are cancelled and Claim 23 is amended by the present amendment. Amended Claim 23 is supported by the original claims. Amended Claim 23 adds no new matter.

In the outstanding Official Action, the drawings were objected to as not complying with the guidelines stated in M.P.E.P. §608.02(g). Claims 38-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 23 was allowed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of Claim 23.

With regard to the objection to the drawings, Figures 12, 14, 16, and 57-59 are amended to include the legend "Prior Art." No new matter is added. Accordingly, the objection to the drawings is believed to have been overcome.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 38-52 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, Claims 38-52 have been canceled, making the present rejection moot.

Claim 23 has been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter. No new matter is added. It is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 23 is patentable over the cited references.

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Accordingly, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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